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In re Application of

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Serial No.: 10/088,029

PCT No.: PCT/EP00/07612

Int. Filing Date: 05 August 2000

Priority Date: 11 September 1999

Attorney's Docket No.: 19943518

For: COMMINUTING MACHINE

RESPONSE

This is in response to the "STATUS INQUIRY" filed by applicant on 10 February 2004, and again on 02 July 2004. No fee is due.

#### BACKGROUND

On 05 August 2000 applicants filed international application PCT/EP00/07612, which claimed priority of an earlier Dutch application filed 11 September 1999. A demand for international preliminary examination, in which the United States was elected, was filed on 08 March 2001, prior to the expiration of nineteen months from the earliest priority date. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee for the national stage in the United States expired at midnight on 11 March 2002.

On 11 March 2002, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States. The transmittal letter was accompanied by, *inter alia*, a preliminary amendment, a declaration and authorization to charge the basic national fee to counsel's deposit account. These papers were assigned Application No. 10/088,029.

On 14 May 2002, a "NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT" (form PCT/DO/DO/909) was mailed to applicant indicating that the application was abandoned due to failure to provide the full U.S. Basic National Fee by 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.495(b)(2).

On 10 February 2004 and again on 02 July 2004, applicant filed status inquiries requesting a decision on a petition filed on 24 June 2002.

## **DISCUSSION**

A review of the file and of all incoming papers failed to locate a petition to revive for this application

## **CONCLUSION**

The status of the application is **ABANDONED**.

Applicant should provide a true copy of the petition that applicant filed on 24 June 2002 along with any evidence that could be used to show that the petition was in fact filed on that date. These papers should be addressed to the Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

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